

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current FIRs (in HTML & Adobe PDF formats) are available on the NM Legislative Website (legis.state.nm.us). Adobe PDF versions include all attachments, whereas HTML versions may not. Previously issued FIRs and attachments may be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/27/08

SPONSOR B. Sanchez LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Developmental Disability Program Rate Equity SB 308

ANALYST Geisler

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$1,000.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 306

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 308 would appropriate \$1 million dollars to Department of Health DOH to increase rate equity between Developmental Disability (DD) Waiver Medicaid funded services and State General Funded (SFG) services. Unexpended and unencumbered funds would revert to General Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2009.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation in SB 308 is not part of the executive budget request for DOH. DOH projects they will spend about \$6.7 million in FY08 for general fund direct services, which will serve about 465 clients.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB 308 seeks to improve staff recruitment and retention, provide health insurance and salary increases, comply with minimum wage laws and meet rising programmatic costs associated with quality services for individuals served through the department of health's state general fund

program to match the DD Waiver Medicaid funded services. DOH notes that the purpose of the general fund is to provide a level of service to individuals who are waiting to access the DD Waiver. The program is not intended to provide the same level of service as Medicaid funded DD Waiver services, but rather to provide a basic level of service to those persons who are eligible until waiver services become available.

**DUPLICATION**

Senate Bill 308 is duplicated by House Bill 306.

GG/bb